

1291

The Swiss Confederation was
formed

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Crusades ended as Muslims
retook Christian in
Palestine.

European power in Palestine ended with the expulsion of the last of the Europeans (Franks).

May 1291

Mamluk Sultan BAYBAR S started
a war of attrition. His 4th successor
al-Ashraf Khalil (1293-1293)
finally forced the Crusaders to
leave the Holy Land.

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Mamelukes capture ACRE, last
Christian fortress.

League of Free Contons; Swiss
Confederation

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Bere was captured by Muslims.
This was end of Latin
kingdom of Jerusalem

1291 (perhaps 1292)

only 18 of Marco's 600
companions survived the 2-yr
journey to Persia
(there might have been
an epidemic)

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Marco Polo was homeward bound
with his father NICCOLO and
uncle MAFFEO, in a flotilla of
Chinese junks.

3 months to reach Sumatra
Had been in China about 17 yrs
He was 17 when they set out from
Venice. Now he was 37. His father
& uncle were nearing 70. KUBLAI

wouldn't let them go, They went
home rich. Kublai's health was
failing. Kublai lavished gifts upon
them, they had paid $2 \times$ (2 gold tablets
the size of a man's hand) which were
super passports that required officials in
Mongol domains to provide whatever
the Palos needed. They escorted a 17-yr-
old Mongol Princess named KOKESIN (the
Blue Princess) to become the bride of Kublai's
great-nephew ARGHUN, Persia's ruler.
This 6,500 mi journey took 2 yrs.

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Daide was the Palos principal
home until their departure
for Venice in 1291

Kublai had employed Marco
as a messenger.

Scholars conclude that Marco
did not master Chinese

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Spain

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death of Abraham A bulafia

May 1291
1290-1293

Al-Ashraf Khalil (1290-93),
finally forced the Crusaders
to leave the Holy Land in May
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The 200 years of Crusader presence
in Palestine represent a sorry
chapter in the history of the country

During the 7th Crusade
Acre was stormed and
taken by the MAMELUKES, and
60,000 Christians were slain.

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The last Christian stronghold
in the Levant, fell in 1291.

When the Crusaders sailed away, from Palestine for the last time in 1291, the people who had vanquished them were not the AYYID descendants of Saladin, but a new Egyptian power, the Mamelukes. This dynasty had originated as young slaves, many of them prisoners of war from the steppes of Russia brought to Egypt

to be converted to Islam and trained as
soldiers or schooled as administrators.

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1912 Dates J-BK

League of the Forest Cantons,
in Switzerland.